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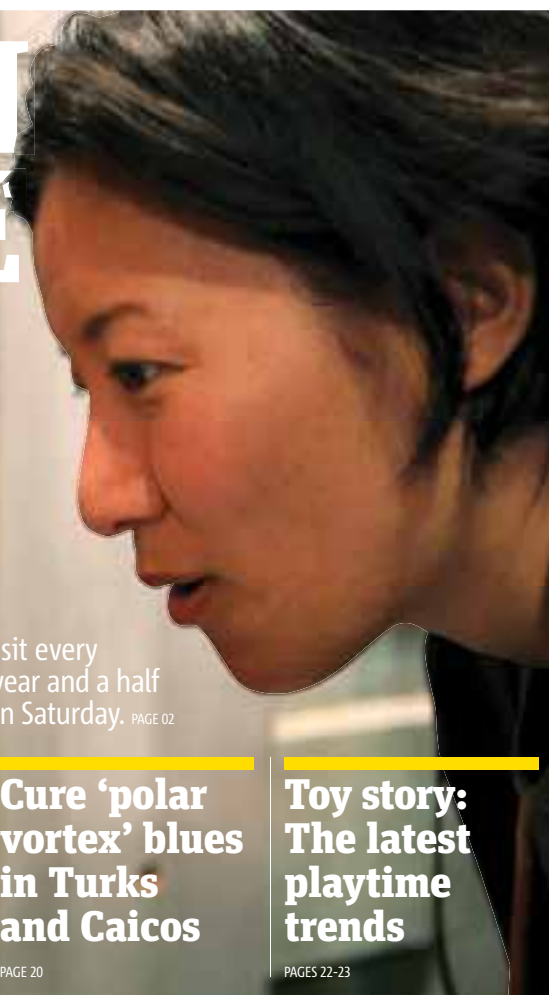


Exhibit expedition. A group of friends aims to visit every museum in New York City. **Journey's end.** After a year and a half of stops, they finally expect to complete the tour on Saturday. PAGE 02

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Katherine Lee visits the Judaica Museum of the Hebrew Home for the Aged in the Bronx. / BESS ADLER, METRO



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De Blasio on whether he's being treated fairly by critics



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Guide Mister Marty, left, gives Katherine Lee a tour of the farmhouse at the Queens County Farm Museum in Glen Oaks. The King Manor Museum, right, is in Flushing. / BESS ADLER, METRO



All museums, one exhibit at a time

Expedition. Friends intend to visit every museum in the city.

It started as a simple pact among three friends: Visit every museum in New York City.

A year and a half later, their cultural expedition is slated to end Saturday after trips to some of the city's most remote and peculiar haunts.

"It's kind of like Mount Everest," said Allison Amend, 39, explaining the group's motivation. "Because it's there."

Amend, Katherine Lee

and Duncan Smith began their journey in August 2012 upon compiling a list of 113 institutions across the city with "museum" in the name.

They blogged their adventures and gave themselves a year to complete the mission. Renowned museums didn't count — they eliminated 22 locations that at least two of the members had previously visited.

Stops included a non-functional freight elevator in Tribeca named "Museum," and the Tattoo Museum in Staten Island's East Shore, where they made friends with curator Dozer.

Amend remembered

Passion

"You really have to admire people's passions. It can be simultaneously absurd and touching." Amend

Dozer having said he designed the "official" commemorative Sept. 11 tattoo at his tattoo shop, beneath the collection of mannequins displaying different tattooing techniques.

"You really have to admire people's passions," Amend said. "It can be si-

multaneously absurd and touching."

But even an appreciation for passion has its limits. The trips were long and the mission was more expensive than they foresaw.

"It was hard at times, burning weekends to visit museums," Lee, 30, added. Smith, also 30, eventually dropped out.

Amend said she hopes New Yorkers gain an appreciation for the culturally diverse institutions.

"Even if they're odd, it's important to have all these spices in the pot," she said.

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Weather

More snow on the way

Up to 2 inches of snow is expected to fall in the five boroughs Wednesday, according to the National Weather Service.

The snow should stop by lunchtime, but will likely stick because temperatures will be in the low 20s throughout the day. A high of 31 degrees is expected. ANNA SANDERS

Sandy. City reviews hurricane recovery efforts amid stalls

The same day a report revealed none of the people who applied to a superstorm Sandy recovery funds program have seen construction begin, Mayor Bill de Blasio said his administration was in the process of reviewing the rebuilding effort.

"It's self-evident that the pace has been a

profound problem," de Blasio said Monday.

A report released by the Alliance for a Just Rebuilding found that out of 19,920 people who have applied for funds with the Build It Back program, none have been able to begin construction.

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Museum picks

Overlooked gems worth a visit suggested by museum trekker Allison Amend:

- National Jazz Museum
Harlem, Manhattan
- Hispanic Society of America
Washington Heights, Manhattan
- Louis Armstrong House
Corona, Queens
- Museum of Chinese in America; Ukrainian Museum
Downtown Manhattan
- Fisher Landau Center
Long Island City, Queens
- Torah Animal World
Borough Park, Brooklyn
- The Noguchi Museum
Long Island City, Queens

Traffic. De Blasio stands by NYPD after report on motorcade

Mayor Bill de Blasio argued on Monday that no city employee — himself included — is above the law, but that he won't tell his security staff how to do their job.

De Blasio answered questions about a CBS2 report that his two-car motorcade broke multiple traffic laws Thursday

in Queens.

"I will not get into a discussion of their security protocols," de Blasio said of his NYPD detail.

Noting media reports since the incident, he said there should be "a different examination of what matters and doesn't matter in the scheme of things." CHESTER JESUS SORIA

Comic Con gets back to basics with new event

Geeky. New York Comic Con will host a smaller convention focusing on comics.

New York Comic Con, an explosion of pop culture geekery and cosplay that takes Midtown by storm every year, has become a gargantuan event that celebrates everything from genre-based television shows to summer blockbusters.

But this year, convention organizer ReedPOP is going back to basics by hosting a new, smaller convention focused exclusively on comics.

The June festival, known as "Special Edition: NYC," will target a more specialized audience than New York Comic Con.

"Special Edition: NYC will give comic book fans an intimate destination to meet with publishers and special guests," said Lance Fensterman, global senior vice president of ReedPOP.

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Cosplay fans attend New York Comic Con 2013. / GETTY IMAGES

If you go

"Special Edition: NYC" will focus on comics.

- The convention will take place June 14 and 15 at Javits Center North.

- Tickets, from \$30 to \$150, go on sale at noon Feb. 26.

- For more information on the event, visit www.specialeditionnyc.com.

Transit

Man killed by subway train in Harlem

A man was killed by a northbound A train Monday afternoon in Harlem, police and fire department officials said.

The incident at the 125th Street station was reported at 3:04 p.m.

Emergency responders found an unidentified adult male underneath the train. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

A preliminary assessment indicated that the death was accidental, police said.

EMILY JOHNSON

Punch. 'Avatar' star arrested after dispute with photographer

Sam Worthington, star of "Avatar," was arrested in the West Village on Sunday night after police said he punched a photographer who had kicked his girlfriend in the shin.

Worthington, 37, and model Lara Bingle were walking on Jane Street near the bar Cubbyhole before a confrontation with photographer Sheng Li at about 5:30 p.m.

Police said Li kicked Bingle, 26, in the shin, injuring her leg after the couple said the photographer had been following them. Worthington then punched Li in the face.



Worthington / GETTY IMAGES

The actor was charged with assault and given a desk appearance ticket. Li was charged with assault, harassment and reckless endangerment, police said. **ANNA SANDERS**

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MTA. New safety measures put in place after fatal train crash

The Metropolitan Transportation Authority will create a new safety committee and appoint a chief safety officer for the Metro-North Railroad.

MTA head Thomas Prendergast made reference to December's fatal train derailment and other recent service interruptions in a statement detailing the increased oversight.

"The events of the last year have made clear to everyone in the MTA how

important it is to create a culture where all employees act to eliminate risks, and changing our executive structure will ensure safety remains a dedicated agency value," Prendergast said Monday.

Metro-North and Long Island railroads have also installed automatic speed controls at 10 significant curves in the three months since the derailment, which killed four people and injured 67. **EMILY JOHNSON**

Transit

MTA expands bus tracking

Riders across the five boroughs will soon be able to track approaching buses at more than 15,000 stops citywide.

Vehicles on all

bus routes have been outfitted with GPS transmitters, the MTA announced Monday.

The last phase of the MTA Bus Time rollout will launch in Queens and Brooklyn March 9.

CHESTER JESUS SORIA

De Blasio, Roker settle feud on 'Today' show

Weather. The pair exchanged jabs during a recent snowstorm.

Mayor Bill de Blasio and weatherman Al Roker put their snow day feud behind them during an appearance on the "Today" show Monday.

De Blasio visited "Today" after exchanging barbs with Roker over the city's decision to keep schools open during a recent snowstorm.

Standing next to the mayor, Roker said, "We had a little chat about school closings and snow, and we want the best for the school kids and our city."

"That's right," de Blasio said. "I think together, letting people know what's going on with the weather,



De Blasio and Roker pose for a selfie.

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Kiss and make up

"We had a little chat about school closings and snow, and we want the best for the school kids and our city."

Al Roker

letting people know how they can be safe, that's something we do together."

De Blasio then handed Roker a Department of Sanitation hat and invited him to help out with snow clearing.

"My dad was a bus driver and he used to drive a snow-clearing bus," Roker said as he accepted the hat and invitation.

The pair's spat began after Roker criticized the mayor for keeping schools open during the Feb. 13 storm.

"Talk about a bad prediction. Long range DiBlasio forecast: 1 term," he tweeted.

"It's a different thing to run a city than to give weather on TV," de Blasio countered.

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Mount Sinai Beth Israel Celebrates American Heart Month

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Donna Lordi, CNMT

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Friday, February 7, 2014

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"Broken Heart Syndrome"

Maurice Rachko, MD

Wednesday, February 12, 2014 – First Avenue at 16th Street, 3 Linsky - Conference Room, 12:00 noon - 1:00 pm

Sweetheart CPR: "Love Your Heart"

Thursday, February 13, 2014 – 10 Nathan D. Perlman Place Bernstein Pavilion, 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm

It's Electric: The Basics Electrophysiology

Preeti Chawla, MD

Wednesday, February 19, 2014

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African Americans and Heart Disease: What You Need to Know

David James, MD

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Health care

Ark. lawmakers to vote on funds for alternative to Obamacare

Arkansas lawmakers will try once again this week to provide funding for the state's Private Option medical insurance plan that has drawn interest from lawmakers in other states as an alternative to Obamacare.

The Arkansas Senate approved the \$915 million appropriation for the Private Option plan last week, but the House narrowly rejected it in several votes last week. Gov. Mike Beebe said failure to pass the funding could blow a hole in the budget.

He warned that failure to pass the funding could lead to a loss of \$89 million in projected savings coming from the Private Option, prompting drastic cuts in services.

REUTERS



Budget cuts slash Army to smallest since before WWII

The Pentagon said on Monday it would shrink the Army to pre-World War II levels, eliminate the A-10 aircraft and reduce military benefits in order to meet 2015 spending caps, setting up an election-year fight with Congress over defense priorities. Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel, discussing the Pentagon's plan for meeting its new spending caps ahead of the budget presentation on March 4, advanced a number of ideas that have been attempted in the past but rejected by Congress or are seen as unpopular in a congressional election year. **REUTERS** / GETTY IMAGES

AG seeks standard to protect against consumer ID theft

Industry. Federal laws don't regulate how retailers handle data security.

Attorney General Eric Holder, citing the recent massive data theft at retailer Target Corp., urged Congress on Monday to enact a national standard for notifying consumers about such breaches.

"This would empower the American people to

protect themselves if they are at risk of identity theft.” Holder said in a statement urging congressional action. “It would enable law enforcement to better investigate these crimes — and hold compromised entities accountable when they fail to keep sensitive information safe.”

Data thefts at Target and luxury retailer Neiman Marcus Group LLC have rekindled enthusiasm in Congress for a single federal law on how customers should be noti-

fied about such breaches. But those efforts face the same roadblock as in the past: Dozens of overlapping state laws are already in place.

Forty-six states and the District of Columbia have passed their own laws that tell companies when and how consumers have to be alerted to data breaches and what qualifies as a breach.

Negotiations over fitting state standards under an umbrella federal law therefore face a tug of war among companies, consumer advocates and state authorities.

The National Retail Federation in a January letter to Congress restated its decade-old position in favor of a nationwide standard that would preempt state rules. **REUTERS**

Quoted

"It's time for leaders in Washington to provide the tools we need to do even more. ... I'm calling on Congress to create a strong, national standard for quickly alerting consumers whose information may be compromised." Holder



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Texas Hold 'Em

Supreme Court declines to hear poker case appeal

The Supreme Court on Monday said it will not decide whether poker is a contest of skill or luck, meaning people can still be prosecuted under



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federal law for organizing games.

The court said it would not hear an appeal filed by Lawrence DiCristina, who was convicted under the law, the Illegal Gambling Business Act, for running games of "Texas Hold 'Em" at a warehouse in Staten Island. **REUTERS**

Justices question Obama climate change regulations

EPA. One outcome would preserve most of the program for facilities that already emit other pollutants.

The U.S. Supreme Court appeared closely divided on Monday over whether the administration of President Barack Obama exceeded its authority in trying to regulate greenhouse gas emissions.

Justice Anthony Kennedy would seem to hold the swing vote on the nine-member high court, with conservative justices skeptical of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's approach and liberal justices generally supportive.

Kennedy offered some criticism of the government's position but did not indicate which way he would vote.

Kennedy clashed with the Obama administration's lawyer, Solicitor General Donald Verrilli, over some of the government's legal arguments.

The justices are weighing just one aspect of the administration's first wave of climate change regulations, focusing on whether the agency has authority



A plume of exhaust extends from the Mitchell Power Station, along the Monongahela River, 20 miles southwest of Pittsburgh. / GETTY IMAGES

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EPA

Several justices questioned whether a loss for the EPA would be much of a setback.

- Chief Justice John Roberts, one of the conservatives, cited a court filing by the American Chemistry Council, one of the challengers, which said that if

the court rules narrowly, 83 percent of greenhouse gas emissions that could potentially be regulated under EPA's interpretation of the law would still be covered, compared with the 86 percent of emissions that the EPA says it wants to regulate.

under the Clean Air Act to regulate greenhouse gases under a program for stationary sources of pollution, such as power plants.

The court has various options if it finds fault with the government's conclusion that greenhouse gases should be regulated under the "prevention of seri-

ous deterioration." (PSD program) which requires a new or modified major polluting facility to obtain a permit before any new construction is done if it emits "any air pollutant." The program requires facilities to install the best technology to control emissions of specific pollutants. **REUTERS**

NRA cases

High court leaves gun control laws intact

The Supreme Court on Monday declined to wade

into the politically volatile issue of gun control by leaving intact three court rulings rejecting challenges to federal and state laws.

The court's decision

not to hear the cases represented a loss for gun rights advocates, including the National Rifle Association, which was behind two of the challenges. **REUTERS**



Women sing the Ukrainian national anthem in Independence Square on Monday in Kiev, Ukraine. / GETTY IMAGES

Advisers to go with Burns on Kiev trip

Support. Treasury Sec. Jack Lew spoke with Arseny Yatsenyuk, a member of Ukraine's interim leadership.

Treasury officials and economic advisers will accompany Deputy Secretary of State William Burns on a trip to Ukraine this week as the country struggles to form a new government and rescue its economy after the removal of its Russia-allied president.

The State Department said representatives from Treasury and the National

Economic Council would travel with Burns on the visit to Ukraine today and Wednesday.

Representatives said in a statement they would work with European Union and International Monetary Fund representatives to discuss financial support while the new government "implements the difficult steps necessary to reform the economy."

Ukraine's interim leadership pledged to put the country back on course for European integration now that President Viktor Yanukovich had been ousted. Authorities issued an arrest warrant for Yanukovich on Monday. **REUTERS**

Quoted

"He will urge the rapid formation of a national unity government that represents the wide array of stakeholders in Ukraine's domestic political discourse, and encourage immediate steps to undertake the critical reforms necessary to restore Ukraine's political and economic health." The State Department

Study. Anti-gay communities linked to shorter lifespans

People who are gay, lesbian or bisexual tend to die earlier in communities where citizens are less accepting of same-sex relationships, according to a new study.

"The size of the relationship between anti-gay prejudice and mortality was large," Mark Hatzenbuehler told Reuters.

"This research indicates that reducing prejudice may improve the life expectancy of sexual minorities in the United States," he added in an email.

Hatzenbuehler is the study's lead author from the Mailman School of Public Health of Columbia University. **REUTERS**

Penalties for homosexuality

White House says Uganda takes step backward by signing gay legislation

The White House sharply criticized Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni on Monday for signing legislation that imposes penalties for homosexuality, calling

it a step backward.

The new law strengthened existing punishments for anyone caught having gay sex, imposing jail terms of up to life for "aggravated homosexuality," including sex with a minor or while HIV positive.

His statement did not say whether U.S. assistance to Uganda would be suspended. An official said last week aid would be re-

Quoted

"Instead of standing on the side of freedom, justice and equal rights for its people, today, regrettably, Ugandan President Museveni took Uganda a step backward by signing into law legislation criminalizing homosexuality."

Jay Carney, White House spokesman

viewed if Museveni signed the law. Washington is one of Uganda's largest foreign

donors, with assistance of more than \$400 million annually. **REUTERS**

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Non-neutral net

Verizon CEO: Netflix will pay for faster speeds

Verizon Communications' chief executive said on Monday he expects Netflix will pay the telecom company for faster speeds after Netflix customers complained about slow connections to stream TV shows and movies with Verizon's FiOS service.

This sets up the possibility that Netflix will have to pay another big broadband provider for a faster connection after striking a similar deal with Comcast Corp.

Verizon CEO Lowell McAdam said on CNBC, where he discussed Verizon's talks with Netflix,



Netflix headquarters braces for speed. / GETTY IMAGES

that the two companies have been in negotiations for a year. The deal hinges on whether Netflix can set up direct access to Verizon, known as an "interconnect agreement," rather than go through a third party.

Netflix's willingness to pay for faster speeds

throws into question whether more media companies will have to follow suit.

Federal regulators are wrestling with the issue known as "net neutrality" that concerns broadband providers and whether they can make content companies pay for faster service. **REUTERS**

Looking for a private line

Mobile privacy sells in a world post-Snowden

Following the U.S. snooping revelations, there is a growing interest in a range of mobile phone products with one central selling point: privacy.

The latest contender is the Blackphone, which runs on a customized version of Google's Android software and encrypts texts, voice calls and video chats. It was launched

By the numbers

\$560M

Blackphone aims to tap into the market for so-called mobile security management products, which was estimated at \$560 million in 2013.

\$1B

It is expected to nearly double in size to \$1 billion a year by 2015, according to ABI Research.

in the Spanish Pavilion at the annual Mobile World Congress industry fair in Barcelona on Monday.

Deutsche Telekom is also preparing to launch a smartphone app that encrypts voice and text messages.

Edward Snowden set off a global furor when he told newspapers last year that the National Security Agency was mining the personal data of users of firms such as Google, Facebook and Skype in a secret program. **REUTERS**

Mobile messenger

WhatsApp to add voice calls

WhatsApp, the world's biggest mobile messaging service, is set to add a voice call service for its 450 million customers, laying down a new challenge to telecom network operators just days after it was bought by Facebook for \$19 billion.

Chief Executive Jan Koum said his aim was for WhatsApp users to be able to make calls by the second quarter, just as they can now text message, in a bid to expand the service's appeal to help it hit a billion users.

"We are driven by the mission that people

should be able to stay in touch anywhere — and affordably," Koum said at the Mobile World Congress industry fair in Barcelona on Monday.

WhatsApp and competitors like South Korea's KakaoTalk, China's WeChat and Israel's Viber have punched a hole in telecom operators'

revenue in recent years by offering a free alternative to SMS text messaging.

The news that the most powerful of them was adding voice calls to its service will be seen as worrying for telecom operators globally, which got about \$120 billion from text messaging last year, according to market researcher Ovum.

Adding free calls threatens another plank of telecom operators' revenues, albeit one that has been declining in recent years as carriers tweak tariffs to focus on mobile data instead of calls. **REUTERS**



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Russia. Police detain anti-Putin protesters outside rioting trial

Russian riot police detained hundreds of Kremlin opponents on Monday, moving swiftly to curb protests over the jailing of activists convicted of attacking police at a rally against President Vladimir Putin.

With the turmoil in Ukraine adding to tension between the Kremlin and its opponents, Putin foes including Alexei Navalny and members of protest band Pussy Riot were hauled away twice by police, first outside a courthouse and later near the Kremlin.

A judge sentenced seven men to prison terms ranging from two and a half to four years after finding them guilty of rioting and violence against police at a protest on May 6, 2012, the day before Putin returned to the presidency for a third term.

The prison sentences and the detention of activists protesting them drew criticism from Europe, adding to strains between Russia and the West.

Outside the court, activists who blame police for clashes at the 2012 anti-Putin rally shouted "shame" and "Maidan" — a reference to the Kiev square at the center of protests that led to the overthrow of Ukrainian President Viktor Yanukovich. **REUTERS**

Pre-emptive strike

Relatives and lawyers of the seven said they believed the upheaval in Ukraine, where police were among the dead in a conflict the Kremlin blamed on opposition leaders and the West, had prompted the court to impose prison sentences as a signal that such actions would not be tolerated in Russia.



WHO sees obesity as new norm in Europe

Being overweight is so common in Europe that it risks becoming "the new norm," with around a third of teenagers now heavier than is recommended for their health, the World Health Organization said Monday. "Our perception of what is normal has shifted; being overweight is now more common than unusual. We must not let another generation grow up with obesity as the new norm," said Zsuzsanna Jakab, WHO's regional director. She blamed a combination of high levels of physical inactivity coupled with a culture that promotes cheap, convenient foods high in sugars, fats and salt. Obesity rates among 11-year-old boys and girls were highest in Greece, Portugal, Ireland and Spain; they were lowest in the Netherlands and Switzerland, the report found. **REUTERS** / GETTY IMAGES

By the numbers

27%

The United Nations health agency said up to 27 percent of 13-year-olds and 33 percent of 11-year-olds are overweight.

60

WHO recommends children aged 5 to 17 should get at least 60 minutes of moderate to vigorous physical activity a day.

Under the spy radar

Brazil, Europe plan undersea cable project

Brazil and the European Union agreed on Monday to lay an undersea communications cable from Lisbon to Fortaleza to reduce Brazil's reliance on the United States after Washington spied on Brasilia.

At a summit in Brussels, Brazilian President Dilma Rousseff said the \$185 million cable project was central to "guarantee the neutrality" of the Internet, signaling her desire to shield Brazil's Internet traffic from U.S. surveillance.

"We have to respect privacy, human rights and the sovereignty of nations. We don't want businesses to be spied upon," Rousseff told a joint news conference with the presidents of the European Commission and the European Council. **REUTERS**

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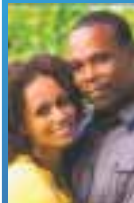
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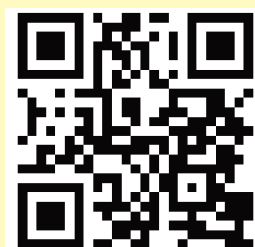
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Tell me about your jobs. My full-time job is with the Behavioral Health Agency. I work from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, with mentally ill individuals. They come to the agency through the court system, meaning they have a present criminal history or have been incarcerated in the past. I help link them up with psychiatry services, treatment programs, housing and anything else they might need.

I work a second job Monday through Thursdays, from 5 p.m. to about 7 p.m., helping them adjust to their new way of living.

And you also do travel writing on the side?

Yes. I love traveling and one of the perks of working in health care is that you get so many vacation days, so I started traveling and started a travel blog. That's freelance work I do in my spare time. I write for a travel website for women on a regular basis and also pitch articles to other websites.

Where have you traveled?

Mostly the Caribbean, but I've traveled to Europe as well. I'm going to Australia on Friday. I take four- or five-day vacations about four times a year.

Do you work your second job so you can afford to travel?

Yes. I do it to afford more of the lifestyle I want. I definitely wouldn't be able to travel if I didn't have a second job. Working in health care, you don't



The stats

Angelica Wilk

Age: 27

Home: East Williamsburg, Brooklyn

Lives With: Boyfriend and two roommates

Number of jobs: 2

Angelica Wilk uses her weekends to write travel articles and, oh yeah, to relax. / ANGELICA WILK

SECOND SHIFT

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Q&A

Overall, are you happy with your lifestyle or are you hoping to cut down to one job?

I'm happy right now, but I wish I could make more money working the same amount. Ideally, I would like to make more money at my full-time job so I didn't have to work as much and could write more freelance travel pieces. I want travel writing to play a bigger role in my life.

Do you think your relationship moved faster so you could save money and share rent, or would you have decided to live together anyway, regardless of money?

I would have moved in with him and his roommates anyway, but we are trying to find our own apartment (without roommates) and that would have happened sooner if we were more financially stable. But we haven't rushed into anything because of financial reasons.

get the benefit of a high salary, but you get the benefit of helping others, so I do more to make ends meet and also to enjoy the luxuries in life.

How does your boyfriend feel about you working two jobs?

He likes that I'm making more money and feel better about myself. It's actually motivated him to work harder in his job, which in turn keeps me motivated. So we motivate each other.

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Twitter feed

Almost as quickly as news broke that Piers Morgan will be stepping away from his prime time show on CNN, Twitter weighed in on what he should pursue in his next gig. The hashtag #PiersMorgansNextJob was trending Monday. Here are some of the best tweets:

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Alec Baldwin resigns from famousness



You won't have Alec Baldwin to kick around anymore! / ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Here is a partial list of things and people Alec Baldwin slams in New York Magazine's cover story: the paparazzi, homophobes, people who think Alec Baldwin is a homophobe, "CSI," a man in Hawaii who answers the phone rudely, Shia LaBeouf, Rachel Maddow, Broadway, New York, America, the world, 2013.

Baldwin has penned a lengthy piece that is purportedly his resignation from public life, but the bulk of it is essentially a rebuttal to everything

you've read or heard about him in the past year. Everything, from his failed attempt to co-star with Shia LaBeouf on Broadway to his canceled MSNBC show to allegations that he'd used a gay slur, is addressed and found to be the fault of a vicious paparazzi culture whose main purpose is to make Alec Baldwin look bad.

Baldwin keeps returning to one episode: An incident in 2013 when a photographer tried to take a picture of Baldwin and his baby daughter, and the

Pot, kettle

Dishing on LaBeouf

Regarding LaBeouf, with whom Baldwin worked on the Broadway production of "Orphans" before the younger star was fired: "He had that card, that card you

get when you make films that make a lot of money that gives you a certain kind of entitlement," he claimed. "LaBeouf seems to carry with him, to put it mildly, a jailhouse mentality wherever he goes," he continued.

actor chased him down the street cussing him out. According to TMZ, Baldwin used a gay slur directed at him. Baldwin

insists that's not true, but blames the fact that he's been falsely labeled a homophobe for everything from the cancellation of

Harold Ramis dead at 69

Many comics choose to work in one field. Harold Ramis wound up in three. A writer, director and actor (and producer, and even, once or twice, songwriter), Ramis was a fixture of underground and mainstream comedy

who had his hands in "Stripes," "Ghostbusters" and "Groundhog Day."

Ramis died Monday, at the age of 69, from complications of autoimmune inflammatory vasculitis, a rare disease involving the swelling of blood vessels. Ramis had been ill since 2010.

He found his greatest success with movies. He was on the writing teams responsible for "Meatballs," "Animal



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House," "Caddyshack" and "Stripes." He also acted in the latter, sharing the

foreground with Bill Murray, with whom he would reunite for "Ghostbusters,"

in which he played unfailingly nerdy Egon Spengler.

Ramis' death robs us of the long-promised/threatened "Ghostbusters 3," which has spent at least 25 years in development hell. Dan Aykroyd had always been keen to do it, while Bill Murray had been very keen not to do it. Ramis' passing all but assures that we were spared of that threequel, however you'd like to interpret that verb.

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Splitville

Thicke and Patton are separating

After months of whispers that Robin Thicke has been unfaithful to his wife Paula Patton, the celebrity duo dropped the bombshell

yesterday that they're splitting up after two decades.

"We will always love each other and be best friends," the singer and his actress wife told Us Weekly in a statement. "However, we have mutually decided to separate at this time."

Thicke, 36, and Patton,

37, are parents to son Julian, 3, and have been married since 2005.

Thicke rocketed to fame last year with "Blurred Lines," but once in the public eye, rumors of cheating began to hound the singer



— all of which he denied. "Seventy-five percent of my songs are about how much I love my wife," he told Vanity Fair in October.

Rumors started after a picture made the rounds, showing Thicke groping a female fan after his VMA performance.

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What's in a name?

Interview. Adewale Akinnuoye-Agbaje talks playing an honorable gladiator in "Pompeii."

Nearly every profile of English actor Adewale Akinnuoye-Agbaje begins with his name. It's not one that rolls off the tongue, unless you know how to pronounce it. But far more imposing is Akinnuoye-Agbaje's presence. On "Oz," where he played Simon Adebisi, and on "Lost," as Mr. Eko, he embodied fearsome characters — not

always evil, but always using an imposing presence to get what they wanted.

In "Pompeii," a 3-D adventure about the events leading up to the disastrous eruption of Mount Vesuvius in A.D. 79, Akinnuoye-Agbaje plays a gladiator, and a pretty nice one — or about as nice as a warrior forced to fight for his life can be. "Although he's ferocious in what he does, he kills because he has to. There's still this humanity and humility to him," Akinnuoye-Agbaje says.

"He does what he has to do with dignity and honor. Gladiators should not stab each other in the back, you

know? He's really adamant about how one should die."

In the film, he slowly befriends one of the men he may have to kill: our hero, Milo (Kit Harington, of "Game of Thrones"). Their mutual respect soon overwhelms their fear about facing each other in battle. "How do you live with somebody you know you're going to kill tomorrow? How do you sleep, with one eye open? Are you testing them for their weaknesses? It was an interesting dynamic."

The film also gave him the chance to star in a Roman epic. "My favorite movies growing up were

'Ben-Hur' and 'Spartacus,'" he says. "I remember Woody Strode [in 'Spartacus']. He was a great black gladiator. He just stood out like Adonis."

Akinnuoye-Agbaje is currently trying to direct a film, "Farming," based on his experience as a Nigerian child adopted by a white English family. He hopes the financing will be in place this year. In the meantime he's trying to play more than just villains.

"I always enjoy playing somebody that could be perceived as 'dark,'" Akinnuoye-Agbaje explains. "I never see them as 'bad' per se. If you do that, you run the danger of making your character a caricature."



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ADEWALE AKINNUOYE-AGBAJE
GETS TO DO SOME FINE FIGHTING
IN "POMPEII."

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Working out

In training

Akinnuoye-Agbaje's training regimen consisted not only of extensive workouts but a strict diet. Snapping out of

that physical work after a shoot can be difficult. "Even though I wanted to eat junk, the body rejected it," he recalls, laughing. "Even today, I'm on a similar diet — not

as strict, but similar. It's very functional to my lifestyle and it gives me the maximum energy. It was a great benefit. I learned how to maximize my energy."

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Luminita Gheorghiu plays a mother who will do anything to keep her son from prison in "Child's Pose." / ZEITGEIST FILMS

Mother doesn't always know best

Drama. The latest from the Romanian New Wave is another winner.

Cornelia (Luminita Gheorghiu), the centerpiece of the Romanian New Wave number "Child's Pose," probably wouldn't mind being compared to Joan Crawford. She acts more wealthy than she is, and soon acts like a worse mother than she is too. Like Crawford in "Mildred Pierce" — the movie, that is, which added a murder plot not in the James M. Cain source — she will do anything to protect her adult son, Barbu (Bogdan Dumitrache). Good thing too, because in the film's first 15 minutes it's revealed he accidentally ran over a boy who was running across a highway.

Against the wishes of police, the slain child's working-class family and Barbu himself, Cornelia throws herself into the fray. She wants to use her connections to keep her only son out of jail. She'll even go down questionable routes, including asking the other driver (Vlad Ivanov, the great, reliable scene stealer of modern Romanian cinema) to change

his statement.

The first half marries naturalism to a satirical bent that mostly targets the upper class, with Cornelia embodying how money and power can make anything go away. But at least here, money and power can't make everything go away, and the second half willingly storms into less assured places. The quiet and weary Barbu, long sick of his overbearing mother, starts to rebel, forcing Cornelia to soften. This leads to a meeting between the parents that bobs and weaves as characters work through their messy feelings, struggling to find a compromise that could never be satisfying to all.

What starts off as broad melodrama becomes, for lack of a better term, more "real." Then again, Gheorghiu — one of the greats of Romanian film, notably "The Death of Mr. Lazarescu" — never plays Cornelia as a one-note rich monster. She holds back just enough, balancing drive with a vulnerability that makes her character's evolution believable when it comes. Filmmaker Calin Peter Netzer is a better co-writer than a director; his handheld camerawork can be sloppy, darting everywhere, willy-nilly, in an attempt to create immediacy. But the material and the actors are strong enough to withstand a degree of filmmaking incompetence.

Review

'Child's Pose'

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To help you decide if this show is for you, we've made our own little tip sheet:

1 Arrive early. Pick up a drink (or three) from the bar, which opens an hour before curtain time. And trust us, this show only gets better with a little, er, lubrication. "Wet Zone" tickets come with a free drink.

2 Bring someone fun. Although "Sex Tips" is a great date night option, this is not the place for a first date. Your mom? Probably not. You can be as silly as you want here, so leave the buzzkills at home.



An audience member helps the cast try out some "Sex Tips for Straight Women from a Gay Man." / JEREMY DANIEL

Tip No. 5

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Turning tabloids into art



Alain de Botton's new book, "The News: A User's Manual," is a thought-provoking look at the purpose of news. / GETTY IMAGES

Interview. We talk to one of the world's most famous philosophers about his mission to challenge how we consume news.

Philosophy's closest thing to a pop star, Alain de Botton, has mainstreamed his discipline through millions of book sales, TV shows and sold-out events. Even One Direction's Harry Styles is a fan (and friend). Having already examined sex and spirituality, de Botton's latest focus is news, launching The Philosophers' Mail, an



intellectual version of The Daily Mail that mocks the world's most popular news site by adding depth to its guilty pleasure splashes. Headlines such as "Interview with David Beckham's soul" and "Kiev is in flames and I don't care" challenge readers to consider their media diet.

We spoke to de Botton in London after the release of his new book, "The News: A User's Manual."

What concerns you about news and how we are consuming it?

Q&A

How did The Daily Mail react to your spoof site?

We're really hoping they'll sue us because it would be a nice story, but they're too sensible. We have their ex-features

editor, and he says they don't care. The book has upset some people — which I didn't intend. They think, "Who is this guy? He doesn't understand." Newspapers like to present themselves as infallible, but I think they should be open to criticism from outsiders.

The hope for news is that it will help us to live better lives and help our countries be better places by being more informed, which isn't happening.

How difficult is it to make philosophy accessible?

I'm really interested in bite-size. [Friedrich] Nietzsche and [Ludwig] Wittgenstein wrote in morsels; there's nothing wrong with trying to express an idea in 200 words. With The Philosophers' Mail we're trying to capture the news you would

read in The Daily Mail, but use it as a springboard to something more profound.

You have stories about pedophiles, celebrities, etc. Is the aim to feature the most-clicked material?

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Former Minnesota Vikings offensive lineman Matt Birk says he never defined himself by his football career, but the sport taught him a lot of important life lessons, enough to fill a book. That's why he teamed up with leading business expert Rich Chapman to write, "All-Pro Wisdom: The 7 Choices That Lead To Greatness."

"Greatness isn't about achievements. It's not about winning the Super Bowl, being a CEO or any of that stuff. It's about being the greatest version of yourself," Birk tells us. The book introduces seven qualities every person needs to reach his or her full potential and includes interviews with superstar NFL players who embody those traits.

"One thing that surprised me right away about the NFL was how great of men were in

the NFL; not great players, but great men," Birk says. "We didn't tell these guys what we would be asking them for the book, and when we asked [Green Bay Packer quarterback] Aaron Rodgers about character, without batting an eyelash he said, 'I think it's about being consistent. I think it's about being a great leader.'"

Birk says his hip injury in 2005 was a good reminder to him of the danger of defining yourself by your career, a lesson he thinks everyone can learn from.

Conversely, Birk's career highlight — winning the Super Bowl in 2012 with the Baltimore Ravens — taught him another life lesson he includes in the book. "Everybody says they want to win the Super Bowl, but what are you going to do with the other 364 days of the year to make it happen? I think it's in the goal setting and dividing it into small, actionable steps so it's actually achievable."



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The book has been out for two weeks and Birk says what's been most rewarding is hearing how parents have used it to teach their kids about the importance of character and setting goals in a way that isn't forced or boring. "Three different dads told me that every week, they grab a burger with their son and

talk about a chapter. I'm a parent; I have six kids and I know how hard parenting is. Each day you feel like you're falling short. To be able to provide parents with a useful tool has been very fulfilling," he says. Just one of the 'great' reasons to check it out.



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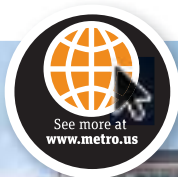
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Dining: Upscale Mediterranean restaurant and casual beach bar. The hotel can also set up a private table on the beach or by the pool.



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The Gansevoort in Providenciales is on Grace Bay, a top-rated beach. / PROVIDED

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Just 3.5 hours flying direct from New York, Provo, as those in the know call it, is the most developed of the country's islands, located in the Caicos part of Turks and Caicos. But that's still not saying much

in this sleepy chain.

Grace Bay, one of the top-rated beaches in the world, is home to a handful of high-end hotels, including the Gansevoort, a sleek option with an urban vibe different from many other Caribbean resorts. "We try to stay away from wicker," joked Jorge Collazo, regional director of sales and marketing at Gansevoort Hotel Group.

Instead, you'll enter the hip hotel via a minimalist open-air lobby and walk through to the 7,000-square-foot courtyard pool, flanked by lounge chairs and "lounging islands" set out over the water. The gym and spa are to the right; the restaurant, Stelle, is on the left.

Up ahead is the beach, which is open to the public. But since the hotel is set slightly apart, there's less foot traffic. The sand



Rooms at the Gansevoort, like this oceanfront studio, are Caribbean chic. / PROVIDED

is white, soft and clean — hotel staff sweep the beach in the mornings, and there's even a wooden rack just before the beach where you're expected to stash your flip-flops.

If the thought of more than a couple of hours lazing under an umbrella in the sand makes you antsy, sign up for a boat trip to check out the snorkeling over Bight Reef in Princess Alexandra National Park, just off Provo. If you're lucky, one of the crew will dive down to score a few conch (pronounced "konk") and slice off a bite for you to try.

For those who prefer



The view from the hotel balcony isn't too shabby. / RACHEL VIGODA

food prepared in a kitchen, behind the scenes, head to Da Conch Shack, where you can order conch frittered, fried, curried, ceviche or tossed in a stew or salad. The mollusk is

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Theatrics on the runway

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Sunday

2:19 p.m.

Stefano Gabbana and Domenico Dolce have generously gifted each guest with tiny **Dolce & Gabbana** purses. And now there is some serious haggling going on over it. No one even notices that the show is now running nearly half an hour late. Well played, boys!

2:32 p.m.

The velvet curtains at the foot of the runway open to reveal an extravagant set: an enchanted forest, complete with an enormous rotating tree that rises from the floor and falling snow. "Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy" plays in the background and the show begins. With that, Dolce & Gabbana manage to top both Prada's live orchestra and Roberto Cavalli's fireworks. If there were an award show devoted to the month of fashion, Dolce & Gabbana would win Best Stage Design. It's fashion as theater.

The La Scala-worthy set makes a fantastical backdrop for equally stunning clothes: dramatic medieval-inspired chiffon gowns float behind the models, A-line coats are densely embroidered with floral and forest animal prints and the duo's trademark Sicilian lace dresses. Most of the looks

The designers

Missoni

- **The major trends:** Contrasting textures, tactile finishes and sporty shapes

DSquared2

- **The mood:** Loony bin chic
- **The major trends:** Capes, bedazzled everything, Sixties shapes and feathers



Missoni

(cozy cashmere, boiled wool and Persian lamb), print (exaggerated camouflage and re-workings of the brand's iconic zigzags) and color (bright pops of marigold, turquoise, green and orange). Overall, it makes a good counterpoint to the week's bells and whistles with clothes that work for real life. Because a girl only has but so many occasions to which she needs to wear feather and fur (read: not that many).

Monday

9:48 a.m.

The curtains open at **DSquared2** and we're suddenly back in the Sixties in a mental institution (or rehab facility?) where Malaika Firth and her equally well-dressed friends are waiting to be discharged. They look like they were arrested mid-party and sent away, only to be let go months later in the same glamorous cocktail dresses they came in wearing. It's camp and completely awesome, even if the clothes

don't look original or new. Firth, who opens the show, strolls down the catwalk in a messy bouffant, jewels, gloves and a feather jacket draped over her shoulders — giving her best Liz Taylor fresh-out-of-rehab face — with nurses trailing behind her. There's also a trace of Lindsay Lohan in there, with strappy heels that look suspiciously like parole house-arrest anklets and bedazzled arm candy that faintly resembles handcuffs.

The Caten brothers have recently opened a store in L.A. — and this collection has plenty of celeb bait. Kim, Khloe, Paris and Miley's names may as well be written on the backs of these frocks in glitter.



DSquared2

come topped off with ornate Arthurian hoods, which make the models look like modern day Snow Whites, Red Riding Hoods and Guineveres. The question is, what woman of any age wants to look like a modern-

day Snow White? A fairy tale princess doesn't exactly read fashion. But the cleverness of this show is that underneath all of the theatrical elements that make us sit up and take notice, between those runway-only pieces that border on costume, are beautifully crafted dresses in gorgeous fabrics. And who can't appreciate that?

4:29 p.m.

I walk into **Missoni** just as the opening looks come out, a series of easy, oversized wool outerwear and knit separates in autumnal shades of brown, olive and beige with pops of marigold in abstract prints. The clothes stand out from the lineup this week because of its sheer sportiness and relatively unfussy nature. These looks aren't weighed down with tassels, feathers, jewels or any of the other trimmings that have been so ubiquitous this week. Instead, this collection is about fabric

The designer

Dolce & Gabbana

- **The mood:** The Brothers Grimm take a shopping spree on Via Monte Napoleone — aka, Snow White gets a makeover by Dolce & Gabbana
- **The major trends:** Gold, voluminous outerwear and contrasting textures
- **What this will mean for your wardrobe:** Nothing overly complicated, other than a renewed appreciation for real craftsmanship

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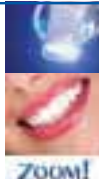
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New toy trends for 2014

Last week, more than 1,000 toy manufacturers descended on the Javits Center to showcase prototypes for the toys that will invade stores later this year. Here, we give the lowdown on the latest toy trends so you'll know what's cool even before your kids will. **EMILY LAURENCE**

Zombies

Vampires are so last year. This year, zombies have taken over toys — for both boys and girls. Razor Jr. is releasing new scooters for kids ages 3 and up that have oversized zombie hands, which serve as soft, handlebar grips. A line of zombified Disney princesses also will be coming out later this year: Snow White, Cinderella, Ariel, Belle and more all have a new, creepy-cool look.

Science specialty brand Smart Lab is coming out with the Inhuman Squishy Zombie. Kids can take the zombie's organs out, which helps them

learn about the human body. It also comes with an educational graphic novel, written by an eighth grade

teacher who came up with an entire curriculum based around zombies.



Customizable

This year is all about customization. Hasbro will be releasing My Monopoly, which allows families to customize the board using their Facebook and Instagram photos. There is also a new toy called Super Hero Mashers coming out, which allows kids to create their own superhero using parts of other superheroes — for example, having Thor's body but the Hulk's hands.



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Retro with a twist

Toys you played with as a kid are resurfacing in a big way. A new Lite-Brite is on the market, only now it

is made of rubber so you can reuse the patterns that used to be made of paper. The pegs also have fun, new shapes. Last year, you may have noticed that View-Masters came

back. Toy company Basic Fun rereleased the vintage toy with "Despicable Me" models and are continuing to add to that line.

Basic Fun also is adding to the Strawberry Shortcake line. If you've watched the TV show, you know Strawberry Shortcake is now a rock star. The toys coming out later this year feature Strawberry and her friends with rainbow colored hair (rainbow hair is another huge toy trend), that sing and "play" instruments. Kids can go to the toy's website and download the band's new songs, which the dolls will then sing.



Taking tech to a whole new level

Almost every toy coming out this year has a tech tie-in. Most action figures come with QR codes, which kids can scan using a phone or tablet to unlock a digital game. Over the past year, Crayola has become a leader in tech. This month, they released My Virtual Fashion Show,

which allows kids to color clothing designs in a paper look book. When they're done, they can scan the pages using a phone or tablet and their designs come to life, with models wearing the looks in a virtual fashion show. Crayola is releasing a new deluxe version of that toy later this year as well as one aimed at boys, where kids can

design cars. Kids will be able to customize their car and then "drive" it, using the app.



Bigger than ever

From doll houses so big American Girl dolls can live in them, massive teddy bears and life-size MarioKart Go-Karts, toys are bigger than ever. They're not very apartment friendly, we know. One toy that at least is built vertically instead of horizontally is Chugginton's Stacktrack. The train tracks are built up, not out. The brand recently set the world record for the tallest train tracks with a 17-foot track. It's just one of the new toys that shows that when it comes to playtime, the sky's the limit.



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Elizabeth Dupont Spencer, author of "The Anxiety Cure for Kids: A Guide for Parents and Children," shares her tips.

Recognizing the signs

Spencer says the key to recognizing the difference between normal acute anxiety and something that's really a problem is knowing what is normal for your child's age. For example, separation anxiety is healthy for toddlers, but not other ages.

Regardless of age, Spencer says the common theme in child anxiety is that the focus has become the anxiety problem, rather than the other things going on in his or her life.

What you can do

According to Spencer, the best way to help your child overcome anxiety is to play to his or her strengths. "If your child loves to draw,



Anxiety in children is treatable and doesn't mean he or she will have similar problems as an adult. / COLOURBOX

encourage him or her to draw what he or she feels anxious about," she says. Playacting with dolls or stuffed animals is another way for you and your child to work through the issue. "When your child is not feeling anxious, come up with helpful strategies," Spencer recommends.

It's also important to demonstrate flexible coping strategies, which kids pick up on. "Show that it's OK to have things not quite go the way you expected and to have uncertainty in life."

Medical help**When to consider therapy or medication**

If you've tried these tactics and your child's anxiety is still interfering with his or her life — especially to the point where it keeps him or her from school — it's time to consider professional help.

Before considering medication, try therapy. Whether you meet with a therapist yourself, to get some ideas about what you can do at home, or take your child for treatment, it can help. Medication should be a last resort to discuss with your pediatrician, but shouldn't be ruled out. "Therapy and medication are both equally effective in treating anxiety, but since most parents would of course prefer for their child not to take medication, I think trying therapy first is a good idea," Spencer says.

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Kid-friendly travel destinations for 2014

Long ago, tourism bureaus never made children a priority when catering to tourists. But according to the U.S. Travel Association, about one-fourth of domestic leisure travelers traveled with children under the age of 18 in 2012. Cities have taken notice and are pushing their family-friendly activities. Here's a look at the biggest pulls for this year. **DOROTHY ROBINSON**



Indianapolis, Ind.

This is Indy's biggest year for family travel with two massive, kid-friendly openings this May. First up is its International Orangutan Center at the Indianapolis Zoo. This 4-acre, \$26 million, permanent exhibit is solely focused on the endangered orangutan. It has many zoo experts claiming it's the "world's most important zoo

exhibit." And over at the Children's Museum of Indianapolis, direct from China, check out their Terra Cotta Warriors exhibit. In 1974, Chinese farmers unearthed an entire army of life-size terra cotta soldiers and horses, which were underground for more than 2,000 years. The exhibit, which features more than 100 artifacts, is the only chance to see them in the U.S. in 2014.

Orlando, Fla.

The perennial family favorite is boasting two blockbuster attractions for 2014. Universal Orlando is adding on to its Wizarding World of Harry Potter with Diagon Alley. The new park will expand across both Universal theme parks – Universal Parks & Resorts and Islands of Adventure. Meanwhile, Walt Disney World's Magic Kingdom will be welcoming its



Seven Dwarfs Mine Train, a roller coaster that will take guests on a journey through the mine where the Seven Dwarfs dig for gems.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Two of Philadelphia's most popular family attractions, the Franklin Institute and the Philadelphia Zoo, are currently undergoing historic renovations that will finally open this summer. The Philadelphia Zoo's new Big Cat Crossing is set to accept visitors in April and will let animal lovers see lions, tigers, jaguars

and other large felines roam 14 feet above the ground. Meanwhile, over at the Franklin Institute, the new Nicholas and Athena Karabots Pavilion will finally open in June. The centerpiece of the new 53,000-square-foot wing is an interactive exhibit called Your Brain, which lets visitors learn about a range of topics in neuroscience and psychology.



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Trending

What are the biggest trends you're seeing in design for kids?

I think people are looking for pieces that are multi-functional, that evolve with the child. People are also more willing to mix and match than before, which is nice to see. They don't necessarily just buy the whole bedroom set, they're taking more risks and mixing vintage with modern and putting their own vibe and taste into it.



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Modern nursery must-haves

Decor. The eco-friendly design firm Oeuf creates simple, classic pieces for your little ones.

Her pick

What's an item you currently love for a child's room?

Christian Jackson posters are unbelievable. [They're a unique take on fairy tales] and we have them hanging up in many places in our house.



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If you're a style-conscious parent, chances are you've admired (or own) the Mini Library by Brooklyn-based design firm Oeuf. The birch and white storage unit is often photographed — artfully styled, of course — in the homes of some of the most popular design bloggers, including Joy Cho from Oh Joy!, Joanna Goddard from A Cup of Jo and Holly Becker from Decor 8. We caught up with co-founder Sophie Demente to find out what makes the furniture piece such Pinterest gold.

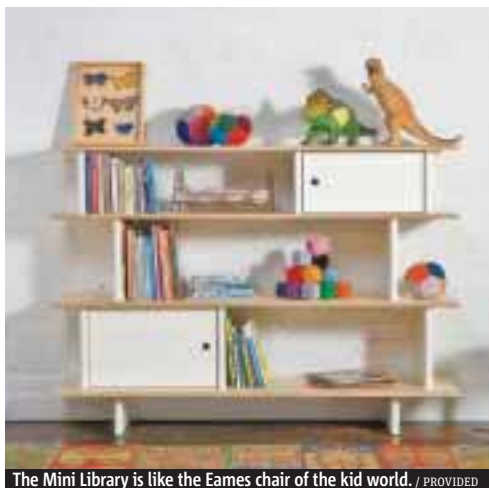
The Mini Library is so popular. Why do you think that is?

I think it's so popular because it would fit in any room, not just a kid's room. It's refreshing but

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The Mini Library is like the Eames chair of the kid world. / PROVIDED

it's not dumbed down for kids, [it doesn't have to be] pink or blue or cute. My husband [co-creator Michael Ryan] and I first did it for us — everything we make we make for our own kids, really. We're designers but we're parents. So we have two little guinea pigs at home and we see what works with them scalewise. [The Mini Library] is reachable and not an eyesore.

What can we expect from Oeuf next?

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Aries | March 21-April 20.
Keep your opinions to yourself. It is not necessary to reveal your secrets. A talk with an old friend may provide inspiration.

Taurus | April 21-May 21.
Information you have recently received may have had a negative effect on your life. Dwelling on the issue is not productive.

Gemini | May 22-June 20.
You may be tempted by an appealing investment offer. Do your research thoroughly before you commit to anything.

Cancer | June 21-July 22.
Have a heart-to-heart discussion with someone who concerns you. Take care to avoid criticism, and offer helpful ideas that will bring you closer to an agreement.

Leo | July 23-Aug. 22.
Prepare to focus on business matters today. There is opportunity for advancement if you exceed your employer's expectations.

Virgo | Aug. 23-Sept. 22.
Be assertive, and direct your efforts into socializing and networking. Your relationships will improve if you meet someone.

Libra | Sept. 23-Oct. 22.
Family and friends may not be totally honest with you. Find someone impartial to provide the answers. A self-improvement project will turn out well.

Scorpio | Oct. 23-Nov. 21.
Your commitment and determination will provide you the necessary ingredients to get ahead. Fulfill your obligations.

Sagittarius | Nov. 22-Dec. 21.
Consider previous outcomes before taking action. If your methods have worked in the past, there's no need to change.

Capricorn | Dec. 22-Jan. 20.
Formulate a concrete plan for a discussion. Have a clear idea of your own responsibilities, and consider the expectations of others.

Aquarius | Jan. 21-Feb. 18.
Your compassion will help others accomplish worthwhile goals. Your good deeds will be reciprocated in an unusual way.
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Letters

Do we need a reason to clean up the Earth?

Re: 'Earth in flux' (Metro, Feb. 24) The letter about climate change reminded me of the cartoon where a skeptical member of the audience at a climate change conference says: "What if it is a big hoax and we create a better world for nothing?"
BRIAN BECK, VIA EMAIL

the sacrifices necessary to make our planet a healthier, less polluted world?

The problem I have with all of your arguments is that if history proves you to be wrong — life on Earth as we know it is OVER! Is that a gamble you're willing to make on behalf of your children and grandchildren?

RICHARD FEINBERG, VIA EMAIL

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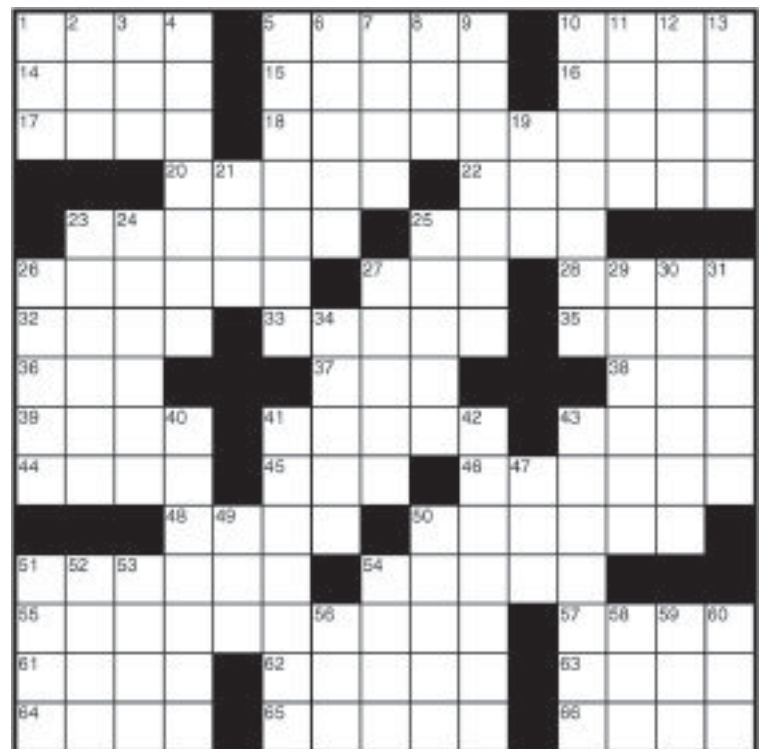
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- 5 Makes a pit stop (2 wds.)
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- 8 Diminish
- 9 Pure carbon
- 10 What litmus measures
- 11 Do road work
- 12 Continuously
- 13 Bruce or Laura
- 19 Half-star movie
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- 23 No longer pale
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- 31 Granny, often
- 34 Suspicious
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Sanchez may not be goner after all

NFL. The Jets QB was an assumed cap casualty, but officials have yet to make a decision.

Mark Sanchez's tenure as a Jet is not over yet as the team and its former first-round pick have remained in a status quo relationship this offseason.

The Jets and representatives for Sanchez met this past weekend in Indianapolis at the NFL Combine to discuss the quarterback's future in green and white. Sanchez, who missed all of last season due to a shoulder injury suffered in preseason, is progressing well with his rehab and should be ready for offseason workouts and minicamp.

A team source spoke to Metro and said as of right now, "no decisions [were] made by the team." The source said the Jets want to see how Sanchez has recovered from shoulder surgery before making a



Mark Sanchez struggled in 2012, but is just two years removed from his best season in the NFL — when he threw for 26 touchdowns. / GETTY IMAGES

Other options

If Mark Sanchez isn't kept on, Josh McCown could be a candidate to provide experienced competition for Geno Smith.

- Reports indicate the Bears backup, who had 13 touchdowns and one pick last season, could be an option.

decision on his Jets future.

Another team source said the Jets haven't closed the door on the possibilities of a restructured contract for Sanchez, who signed a five-year extension in spring 2012. He is due to make \$13.1 million this season, but the Jets would clear \$8.3 million in cap space if he is cut. That cleared cap space may be too tempting.

"[It is] highly unlikely that Mark returns to the Jets at this point," said one league source familiar with the thinking of Jets management and general manager John Idzik. "Everything is pointing in that direction. And if he did, certainly not at the cap number."

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At the combine



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Clowney runs fast, Sam fails to impress

The annual NFL meat market got its biggest jolt of star power Monday as Jadeveon Clowney took to the field to run the 40-yard dash.

The former South Carolina defensive end — and highest-rated non-quarterback in the NFL draft — ran an unofficial 4.47-second 40-yard dash at 6-foot-5 and 266 pounds. Former elite track prospect Sammy Watkins, the consensus top wide receiver prospect in the draft, ran just .04 seconds faster.

The track did not treat former Missouri lineman Michael Sam as kindly as the media in the wake of his admission he is gay. The likely first openly gay NFL player ran the 40 in just 4.91 seconds despite being smaller than Clowney. **METRO**

Everything must go

Knicks buy out World Peace

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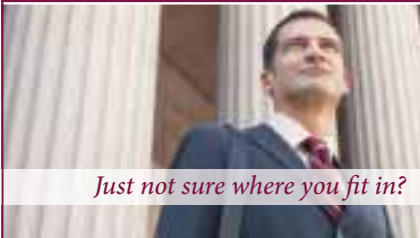
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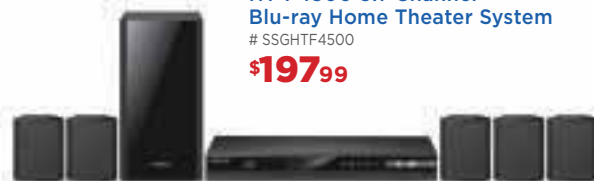
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